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# REMARKS

## Present Status of the Application

Applicants appreciate that the Office Action considers claims 3-7 to be allowable.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Petroff et al. (US 2002/0162995) in view of Matsuyama (JP 2002237456) and further in view of Fritz et al (U. S. Patent 5,780,867). Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the features originally recited in allowable claim 3. Claims 1-2 and 4-7 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

## Discussion of Claim Rejections

Applicants has amended independent claim 1 to include the features originally recited in allowable claim 3, and therefore independent claim 1 is allowable.

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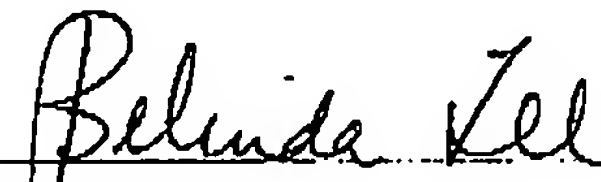
### CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-2 and 4-7 of the invention patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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